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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose issue directions to the GeneralInsurance Corporation of India under the National Crop Insurance Scheme to assessthe yield on the basis of the harvested crop in view of the severe drought and lesser sowing in Madhya Pradesh during 2000-2001;

(b) whether the Union Government would give directions to the GIC to accept the declaration letters received even after the cut off date in view of the interest of the farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a): No Sir. It is not permissible under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS)In fact, General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) does not makeassessment of yield. It is done by the concerned State Government on the basis of CropCutting Experiments (CCEs). Such yield rates are made available to the Implementing Agency i.e. GIC for working out payable claims.

(b)& (c) : Only in exceptional cases where delay is beyond the control, late insurance declarations are allowed to be accepted. Keeping in view, the interest of the farmers, GIC was directed to accept late declarations of the farmers in respect of District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) of Chhatarpur, Narsimhapur and Vidisha in Kharif 2000 season.